Brunswick Dec 9, 1846

My dear Sir

Your note is just rec'd. I will gladly take a set of Gray's Illinois Plants, and will thank you to forward them as soon as convenient.

Please put them in a box, and send by the Express, to be left at the Tontine Stage House in Brunswick. As the box may have to come in the Stage from Portland, and as it may rain, put a little straw under and above the parcel in the box. Any box, not too large, will answer for protection. I have heretofore suffered so much from injury in the carriage of various kind of specimens, that I have become very cautious.

Please mark on the outside the expense of the box & its carriage to the Express, and I will send the whole amount by my son, who expects to visit Boston in the course of 2 or 3 weeks.

With much esteem

your friend

Cleaveland

Prof. Gray

Paid No. 83

Paid 5

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